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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Application No. 10/617,804; Filed: July 14, 2003
For: **Needle-Less Injector of Miniature Type**
Inventors: Zierenberg *et al.*
Our Ref: 0652.2060002/ALF/MJM

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Information Disclosure Statement;
2. Form PTO/SB/08A (5 Pages) and Form PTO/SB/08B (1 Page);
3. A copy of documents FP18, FP20-FP28, and NPLD4-NPLD6 (13 documents); and
4. One (1) return postcard.

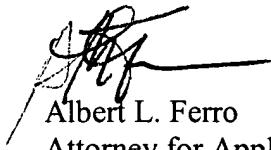
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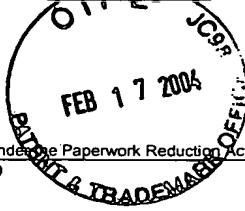


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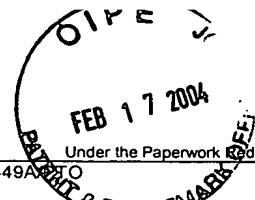
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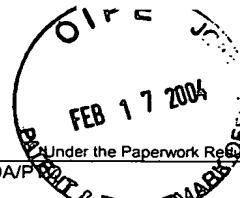
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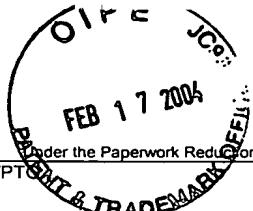
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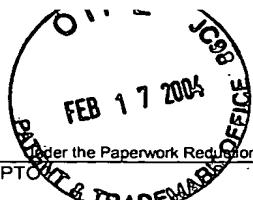
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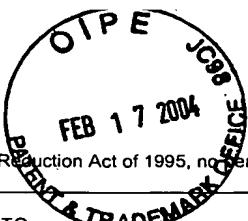
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